

REMARKS

The Examiner asserts that the application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention, and they are deemed lack of unity because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Independent claim 1 is a generic claim that links all the species together that forms a single general inventive concept. Various claims depending on independent claim 1 are merely alternative embodiments under this general single inventive concept. For example, claims 3 and 4 are directed to a sub-step of adhering a metallic layer to a substrate, whereas claim 5 is directed to a sub-step of spraying or depositing a metallic layer to a substrate. There are all but few examples of embodiments that can be used to apply a metallic layer to a substrate under a single general inventive concept disclosed in claim 1. Applicant hereby preserves the right to petition for withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

As required by the Examiner, Applicant has elected claims 3, 4, 8, and 26, with traverse. Should the Examiner deem that any further clarification is desirable, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Applicant does not believe that any additional fee is due, but as a precaution, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to deposit account number 50-4244.

Respectfully submitted,

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